

REMARKS

Double Patenting Rejections / Terminal Disclaimer:

Claims 29 to 44 were rejected as double patenting over 6,657,532.

An appropriate Terminal Disclaimer is filed herewith overcoming this double patenting rejection.

The Present Ling and Azumi Rejections:

Claims 29-32 were rejected as being anticipated by Ling, and as being anticipated by Azumi, and as being obvious over Azumi in view of Ling.

The Presently Claimed Invention:

Claim 29 has been amended to set forth that the **layer of neat dielectric polymer or glass does not contain conductive or semiconductive particles**. Support for this amendment is found at page 8, lines 5 to 12 of the specification.

The Applicants have discovered that polymeric or glass material (which does not contain conductive or semiconductive particles such as those typically used in binders or otherwise associated with variable voltage protection materials) is surprisingly effective as a variable voltage protection material provided that the layer of polymeric or glass material is made sufficiently thin, as claimed (see page 7, lines 9 to 14 of the specification).

Ling and Azumi Distinguished:

Neither Ling nor Azumi disclose a polymeric or glass material which does not contain conductive or semiconductive particles within the claimed thickness range.

First, neither Ling nor Azumi sets forth a material which specifically **does not contain conductive or semiconductive particles**, as claimed.

Second, both Ling and Azumi disclose a **ceramic** material, whereas the presently claimed invention specifically recites a **polymer or glass** material.

In view of the forgoing amendments, the Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejections over Ling and Azumi.

Amendment to Claim 43:

Claim 43 has been amended to correct a spelling mistake.

Conclusion:


For the reasons presented above, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of the present application, he is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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